Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 00:00 on Tuesday 21 Sep 2021 until 23:59 on Wednesday 22 Sep 2021

Forecast Issued on Monday 20 Sep 2021 at 16:01 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High confidence for a change to more autumnal unsettled conditions with some wet and windy weather through the week. Lower confidence for exact details of rainfall amounts and timings.

Headline for Tuesday 21 Sep 2021: Strengthening westerly winds, gales through the afternoon.

Mountain weather hazards on Tuesday 21 Sep 2021

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy Snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales High Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** No Likelihood	**Poor visibility** No Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Light rain	Light rain
Precipitation probability							
<05%	<05%	<05%	<05%	30%	50%	20%	10%

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Weather: Clear spells overnight. After day break it will be a bright day with some sunny intervals early in the morning. Soon clouding over in the west by late morning. Some light rain and drizzle especially for western ranges in the afternoon, drier for eastern ranges but becoming very windy with gales or even severe gales on the higher munro tops of Lochaber like Ben Nevis. Rain clearing later in the evening with cloud thinning.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 60%, tops mainly clear first thing in the morning but low cloud soon forming, reducing the chance to 40%. Best chance of clear tops is for hills in the east or around the Trossachs in the morning.

Visibility: Broken low cloud will form above 500m in the morning, in the west, reducing visibility. Light rain and drizzle may also cause some temporary reductions in visibility.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	24/30 SW	23/29 SW	23/30 S	25/33 S	34/46 SW	39/51 SW	42/57 SW	40/55 SW	38/53 SW
900	16/21 W	13/18 SW	15/21 SW	20/27 SW	26/37 SW	26/37 SW	30/44 SW	30/44 SW	28/43 SW
600	16/22 SW	15/21 SW	17/23 SW	24/32 SW	30/41 SW	29/41 SW	36/50 SW	35/49 SW	33/47 SW
300	8/12 SW	7/10 S	8/13 S	12/20 S	18/29 SW	19/29 SW	20/33 SW	21/34 SW	20/34 SW
Glen	6/11 SW	5/10 SW	6/13 SW	10/20 SW	16/31 SW	14/28 SW	13/28 SW	12/29 SW	13/29 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	4/-2	4/-2	4/-1	5/-1	5/-1	6/0	7/0	6/-0	5/-2
900	6/2	6/2	6/2	7/3	8/4	9/5	9/4	8/4	8/3
600	9/5	9/5	9/5	9/5	10/6	11/6	11/6	10/6	10/5
300	11/9	10/9	10/8	12/10	13/10	13/10	13/10	13/9	12/9
Glen	12/11	12/11	12/10	14/12	15/12	15/12	15/12	14/12	14/12
Freezing Level*	2600m	2600m	2200m	2500m	2500m	2600m	2400m	2000m	2500m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Widespread gales from late morning for all ranges, some severe gale gusts on higher munro tops. Feeling chilly in strong winds.

Forecast for Wednesday 22 Sep 2021
Weather: Mainly dry but cloudy in the early hours but rain spreading south and it will be cloudy damp start to the day as a band of rain moves south over Scotland giving a period of wet weather on the hills. Rain will clear by early afternoon for Lochaber, slightly later further south. Some brighter conditions through the evening.

Maximum wind: Southwesterly 30-35mph with gusts 45mph in the morning, easing by lunchtime to 20-25mph with gusts 40mph.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 20% initially, extensive low cloud in the west but improving to 60% during the evening as rain clears. Most tops will become clear again in the evening.

Visibility: Broken or extensive low cloud layers from 400m and above, low cloud more scattered the further inland you go. Rain will also cause a reduction in visibility with very few views to be had on the hills.Visibility will improve in the late afternoon for Lochaber and then Argyll ranges as rain moves south and low cloud breaks up.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 11C rising to 14C, slightly higher in the east. Temperatures falling to 4C by late evening as skies clear.
At 800m: Around plus 8C falling to 5C later in the evening.
Freezing level: Above the summits.

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